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## President Obama: 'Time has come for immigration reform

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said yesterday the time has come to reform America's "broken" immigration policy, renewing his appeal to lawmakers to clinch a deal that he said is now within reach.

At a swearing-in ceremony at the White House for a group of new US citizens, Obama praised a bipartisan push in Congress for immigration reform, but prodded both parties to finish the job.

"We've known for years our immigration system is broken, that we're not doing enough to

harness the talent and ingenuity of those that want to work hard and find a place here in America," Obama said.

"And after avoiding the problem for years, the time has come to fix it once and for all. The time has come for a comprehensive, sensible immigration reform," he said.

The US president, who returned on Saturday from a four-day trip to the Middle East, said he wanted to see Congress debate a bill next month.

"We are making progress. But we've got to finish the job



## Government of Aruba to sign bilateral agreement with Colombia

The government of Aruba is very pleased to have achieved a significant mile stone for Aruba in the field of aviation. Last Friday morning Aruba Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber and director of Civil Aviation of Aruba, met with Mr. Santiago Castro, Director of Civil Aeronautics of Colombia. They agreed that by the end of April they will sign a new bilateral agreement that will open the way for Aruban airlines to fly to Colombia.

For more than 14 years Aruba has been trying to reach such an agreement - the ample liberalization of flights to Colombia from Aruba.



In the past Aruba did not have airlines to cover this route, hence it was difficult to achieve the desired frequencies from Aruba to Colombia.

However, after 14 years Aruba was successful in achieving a completely open market for Aruban airlines. This agreement also entails the possibility for direct flights to different states within Colombia, contrary to what is the current situation where flights must go via one of the tourism destinations.

The US president issued his call for action during a ceremony for 28 newly-minted Americans, who took their oath of citizenship in the east room of the White House.

Long-stalled immigration reform efforts gained momentum after the November elections, in which Obama won re-election with overwhelming support from Hispanic voters.

Obama has courted Republican leaders on the issue and a group of senators from both parties are poised to wrap up an agreement on a proposed law that would bring 11 million undocumented migrants out of the shadows.

The senators say their plan would offer a pathway to eventual citizenship, taking up to 13 years or more, for millions of illegal immigrants already in the United States.

The plan would also include steps to better secure US borders and the introduction of an employee verification program.

However, for example, the US or Europe.

Touristically, this agreement creates great opportunities for Aruba for those who want to use this for tourism from Colombia to Aruba, which in the past was difficult for them via Bogota with Avianca. As it now stands, from practically everywhere in Colombia there will be direct flights to Aruba.

According to the government, the next step is to talk to the airlines that have recently received their permits to operate on Aruba to take advantage of this tremendous agreement. ATA is also expected to lend their support. This was definitely a major accomplishment for Aruba, according to the Minister of Tourism.



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## Aruba's Women's Day Conference 2013 "Building on "Female" Capital"

The 2nd International Women's Day Conference conducted by the Ministry of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, was an outstanding event on many levels, particularly regarding remarkable roster of visiting guest speakers. Among them were HRH Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, Motivational Speaker Dr. Sue Morter Resident Entrepreneur at the United Nations Foundation, Elizabeth Gore, founder of "Girl's Up," and noted actress and humanitarian Maria Bello, founder of the We Advance Foundation.

Aside from their fascinating and stimulating speeches, some very pertinent and startling presentations were made by resident workers in the social fields, Dr. Heleen van der Wal and Special Consultant to HR for the Aruban Government, Managing Director of Purposeful Journey Consulting Group, Michelle Brooks.

Ms. Brooks presented some startling figures on the productivity and advantages of women in the workplace, especially in executive positions. She presented many eye-opening facts and figures, which businesses had best heed, to their advantage. Actually, they also revealed that for a Caribbean island, Aruba is quite advanced in recognizing and deploying their "Female Capital."

"Significant research from the World Bank to the public and private sectors has shown how investments in women yield a "double dividend": Women are more likely than men to invest their incomes in their families and communities, driving GDP up and illiteracy and mortality rates down" quoted Ms. Brooks from a UN study. " Michael Porter and Mark Kramer of Harvard Business School call "shared value"—it helps companies while helping communities too."



**Michelle Brooks**

"The concept of human capital refers to the education, on the job training and work experience of the labor force. It is analogous to other forms of capital in that investments in human capital yield income and other benefits over a long period of time," she explained.

"Such investments provide returns to the individual as well as to the economy as a whole.

Individuals benefit from higher earnings, and the economy benefits from higher productivity. Human capital theory is concerned with finding ways to measure human capital and the rate of return on investments in human capital, both to the individual and to the economy."

"One way to measure expenditures is on education and training. Since the overall health of workers also affects productivity, investments in medical care are sometimes considered human capital expenditures."

"Competency based human resources planning serves as a link between human resources management and the overall strategic plan of an organization. Competencies are defined

as observable abilities, skills, knowledge, motivations or traits defined in terms of the behaviours needed for successful job performance. Competency-based management supports the integration of human resources planning with business planning by allowing organizations to assess the current human resource capacity based on their competencies against the capacity needed to achieve the vision, mission and business goals of the organization."

"According to Catalyst research, while women represent 47.6% of today's workforce, in the Fortune 500 of 2011 it was reported they represented only 14.1% of executive officers, 7.5% of top earners and 3.6% of CEO's. In the United States, women control or influence more than 80% of purchasing decisions."

"Globally, women are responsible for \$20 trillion in spending, a figure expected to rise to \$28 trillion by 2014. Goldman/Sachs has found that it is women who are redefining markets and creating growth by focusing their spending power on purchases such as food, healthcare, education, clothing, consumer durables, and financial services. According to a Deloitte study, women's earning power is growing faster than men's in the developing world, where their earned incomes have increased by 8.1% compared with men's 5.8%."

During the World Economic Forum, in Davos, Switzerland, much of the discussion was about economic growth. The International Monetary Fund's Christine Lagarde inspired those attending to focus on the power of what she termed "inclusive growth": "the evidence is clear, as is the message: when women do better, economies do better."

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## Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital has now a new telemetry apparatus



Just recently our local Hospital has replaced its telemetry apparatus for new and more technologically advanced apparatus. A telemetry apparatus monitors a patient's heart activity, such as the pulse and heart rates. This apparatus also does an electrocardiogram in real time for ambulatory patients. This is an innovative machine in the sense that it offers surveillance of ambulatory cardiac patients, maintaining seamless connections between the Information Center and telemetry devices.

The patient can walk around while being revaluated and at the same time be monitored from a distance by wireless machines guaranteed to produce superior communication. This new apparatus will allow nurses to see cardiac activity of a patient on a monitor located in another location in the Hospital building.

These apparatus are used mostly for patients who are stable and are almost ready to leave the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) to another level within the Hospital. With its touch screen, nurses can monitor activity on the screen.

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## VCC Free Zone N.V receives recognition



From left to right: Mr. G.M. Peterson (Director of Free Zone Aruba), Mr. Bert Vermaas (director of VCC Free Zone N.V) and Ms. Corry Caster (Senior Account Executive at Free Zone Aruba).

Last year Free Zone Aruba organized several seminars and presentations with regards to the different commercial possibilities and incentives the Aruban Free Zone has to offer; not only

for international but also for local entrepreneurs.

Several of Aruba's Free Zone clients participated in these seminars.

Two of these clients deserve special recognition: Ca-

ribbean Catalyst Technology Freezone NV and VCC Free Zone NV.

Free Zone Aruba presented the directors of both companies with a special plaque as a token of appreciation.

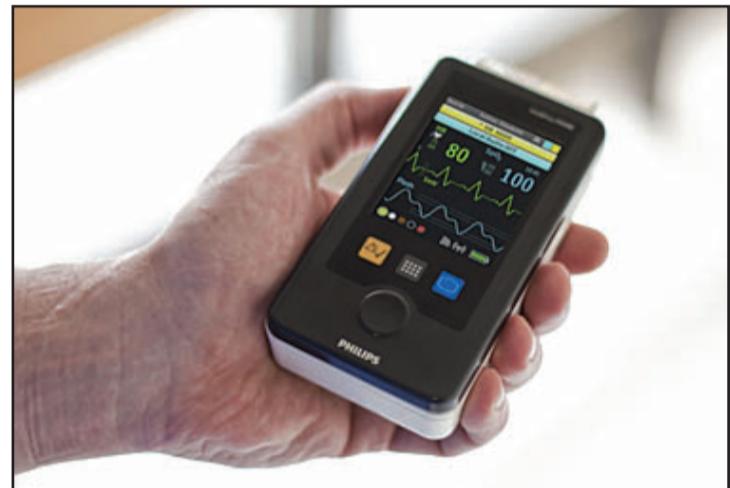
Earlier this year, Mrs. Shok Yan Hoo, Director of Caribbean Catalyst Technology Freezone, was the first one to receive this token of appreciation at the hands of Mr. Greg Peterson, Director of Free Zone Aruba N.V.

This time it is Mr. Bert Vermaas' turn, as Director of VCC Free Zone N.V., to receive the plaque and words of gratitude from Free Zone Aruba's director.

Free Zone Aruba is happy to be able to count on the co-operation of their clients for such promotional matters. After all the best promotion you can get comes from your own clients.

## Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital has now...

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The device is so designed, however, that a patient cannot interfere with the information.

One other benefit is that the Hospital's CCU department can function much more efficiently. Once a patient has been stabilized and need not be tied to a machine any longer,

he can be transferred to another department where the telemetry can be used for continued monitoring of the patient.

With this investment, the Hospital can offer more service and quality care to all her patients.

## 11 Anne Frank trees to take root in America

Eleven saplings cultivated from the Anne Frank tree which blew down in 2010 are to be planted at various locations in America as symbols of tolerance and hope.

The chestnut tree was written about by Anne in her World War II diaries as she hid in an Amsterdam attic.

'From my favourite spot on the floor I look up at the blue sky and the bare chestnut tree, on whose branches little raindrops shine, appearing like silver, and at the sea gulls and other birds as they glide on the wind...I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles,' Anne wrote.

The cuttings were taken from the tree in 2009 and kept in quarantine in the US for three years, in line with customs regulations. Thirty-four organisations applied to have one of the trees.

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## Connecting Young and Old



Recently, an event was organized in the sports hall of Piedra Plat with a group of 25 children of elementary school "De Schakel" and with 25 seniors from the Energy Training program at "Club Kibrahacha". The groups were united in a human en-

ergy circle, to connect with and learn from each other. This event was organized in cooperation with 'Aruba Doet,' a national volunteer program that is yearly organised by the Oranjefonds from the Dutch Kingdom.

The participants had a real

good time during the morning program and they were able to exchange their joy and energy with each other. At the same time they learned how to cooperate and rely on each other, which is very educational for the children and very comforting for the seniors. They connected, moved and helped each other. It is an educational and relaxing program of connecting and exchanging human energies, for the wellbeing of the entire community. Because of the huge success this event will be repeated. All teachers from elementary schools in Aruba who are teaching 5th and 6th graders and wish to participate in a similar event, are invited to contact the NGO Ster via email to [steraruba@hotmail.com](mailto:steraruba@hotmail.com) or by visiting [www.steraruba.com](http://www.steraruba.com).

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## Big Red

"Big Red" was the big Red Rooster that lived next door. With a big red crown on his head and two big white earlobes that hung under his ears like two white socks. The "Bario" was his walk and no other rooster ever dared to venture in his domain. Big Red slept in the "Kenepa"-tree in the corner of the yard.

Every morning at precisely 5.15 AM he would clap his wings and make a noise that sounded like a crow. At 5.19 AM he would jump out of the tree on the zinc-roof of the old chicken-coop. The neighborhood would tremble and shake, but everyone knew that, that was his sign: "get out of bed."

All the little chicks in the "Bario" resembled "Big Red". You could clearly see that "Big Red" was "Big Daddy".



One morning the whole "Bario" overslept. When the sun rose some dwellers were upset. The big question was: What ever happened to "Big Red." So far as they could remember this never happened before. Together they went to look for "Big Red. Under the "Kenepa"-tree they found "Big Red" all curled up and no sign of life.

"Big Red" died in his sleep and fell out of the tree.

Today the "Bario" still remembers "Big Red" and often refer to the time of "Big Red"

By: Roland W. Peterson

## Aruba's Women's Day Conference 2013

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Today, visionary companies that initially embraced this notion through corporate philanthropy are now making investments in women a pillar of their business strategies.

"So how can more of the world's global economic leaders take advantage of this convergence of trends and harness the power of women for business growth and progress?" asked Ms. Brooks. Her advice was:

1. Instead of treating women solely as recipients of philanthropy, companies should

see them as partners critical to every part of the value chain—marketing, sales, distribution, research and development, and management.

2. There is no question that too many executive women today are still only tapping at that proverbial glass ceiling. As a result, corporations continue to deprive themselves of the very talents, energies, and insights that can propel growth and market opportunities. A recent Catalyst survey found a strong correlation between gender diversity in the leader-

ship ranks of a business and that company's performance. For instance, according to a Deloitte report, when women were given significant role in product development at Campbell Soup, they came up with a new line that became a \$200 million business almost overnight.

3. By seeking out and working with women-owned firms, companies can not only diversify their supply chains and mitigate risk, but also support women entrepreneurs and expand small and medium-size

enterprises (SMEs), which are known engines of GDP growth.

4. Around the world, women face greater hurdles than their male counterparts in receiving financial services. As a result, women are less able to make the investments that can maximize profits and ensure their businesses reach their full potential. More financial institutions should recognize that women are a proven low-risk, high-yield investment and create products to better serve women as a market segment.

5. In an era when govern-

ments around the world are trying to make do with less, it is essential that businesses and potential investors make national and local governments understand that investments in women's education, health, and economic security are important factors in big businesses' decisions to expand into local markets are also investments that will create new jobs and lift economies.

"The rewards are clear. Let's take Avon, for example. It gives more than 6 million women in more than 100 countries the opportunity to start their own businesses; these entrepreneurs serve as Avon's main sales force, resulting in more than \$10 billion in revenue. Similarly Unilever has invested in 45,000 underprivileged Indian entrepreneurs, mostly women, in more than 100,000 villages through microfinance and training—a strategy that accounts for 5 percent of the company's total revenue in India. Recently, Walmart has pledged to source more than \$20 billion from women-owned companies in the United States alone."

Studies show that women are particularly adept at interpreting non-verbal cues, and listening to their fellow workers. "Making sure that all our people's voices are heard and valued not only helps attract and retain the best people, but also it helps get better answers for the clients and the organization." According to the research at the University of Southern California, stress seemed to increase the capacity for empathy in women while reducing it in males. Generally speaking, female leaders tend to be more interactive, wanting to keep an encounter going until the emotional content has been played out.

In closing Ms. Brooks pointed out "Not only has it been found women are more adept at identifying nonverbal cues, they are better at expressing them—employing more animation, gesture, vocal variety and emotion in their communication behavior. They are more likely to focus on those who are speaking by orienting head and torso toward participants. They lean forward, smile, synchronize their movements with others, nod and tilt their heads the universal signal of listening, literally giving someone your ear. To a woman, good listening skills also include making eye contact and reacting visually to the speaker. This use of warmer body language signals in turn builds trust and encourages collaboration.

*Rosalie Klein*

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### UN to move half of int'l. staff out of Syria

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations is removing about half of the 100 international staffers it has in Syria as attacks edge closer to UN buildings, a spokesman said yesterday.

Mortar shells have fallen on the Damascus hotel used by UN workers, according to UN spokesman Martin Nesirky, who blamed worsening security conditions for the decision to evacuate staff.

All of the 800 Syrian staff remaining have been told to work from home until security improves, he added.

Nearly all of the Damascus staff of UN-Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi will be moved to Cairo or Beirut as part of the new measures, Nesirky told reporters.

"Yesterday and today a number of mortar shells fell in close proximity to and on the grounds of the hotel in Damascus housing UN staff," Nesirky said.

The mortars damaged the building and some cars, including one UN vehicle, he added.

Other suicide bombs and attacks have also struck close to UN buildings as Damascus be-

comes a key battleground in the war between government forces and opposition rebels, diplomats said.

At least one person was killed and several injured when mortars hit the central Umayad Square yesterday, Syrian media reported. Other shells fell on the district on Sunday, injuring about a dozen people.

Nesirky said about 50 of the approximately 100 UN international staff in Damascus would be affected by the "temporary relocation". A handful will also be moved to other Syrian cities, such as Homs.

The international staff come from Brahimi's mission, the Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Program and the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees and other UN agencies.

The United Nations has a huge humanitarian operation in Syria aiming to feed and help more than two million Syrians caught in the two-year-old conflict which the UN says has left more than 70,000 dead.

### Fight for gay marriage goes to US Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage are prepared to turn out in force in Washington today, when the US Supreme Court hears oral arguments in a landmark case.

Over two days, lawyers from both sides of the emotionally-charged debate over marriage equality will put their cases before the nine justices who make up the highest court in the land.

Outside the Supreme Court, color-coded protesters -- red for the pro-equality side and patriotic red, white and blue for opponents of gay marriage -- will set out their positions in the court of public opinion.

Opinion polls have repeatedly indicated that a majority of Americans now accept the principle of same-sex marriage, which is legal in nine states plus the District of Columbia but banned or limited in 41 others.

But opposition -- spearheaded by social conservatives and backed by the Roman Catholic and evangelical churches -- remains strong, with many contending that marriage can only be a union between a man and a woman.

President Barack Obama restated his support for same-sex marriage yesterday through a Twitter account managed in his name by Organizing for Action, an advocacy group founded after his re-election.

"Every American should be able to marry the person they love," read the tweet, which carried the hashtag "#LoveIsLove."

Today will see the Supreme Court hear arguments over Proposition 8, a California referendum measure that struck down that state's same-sex marriage initiative in 2008.

On Wednesday, the Court will consider the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a federal law which defines mar-

riage as between a man and woman and thus denies married gays and lesbians the same rights and privileges.

The star plaintiff in that case is Edie Windsor, 83, who was obliged to pay more than \$600,000 in federal estate taxes upon the 2009 death of her longtime partner Clara Spyer, who she had married in Canada in 2007.

Under DOMA, the surviving member of a heterosexual married couple is exempt from such taxes.

The Human Rights Campaign, a leading gay rights group, is urging supporters to dress in red for a major rally on the Supreme Court steps "to show your support for marriage equality."

Opponents of same-sex marriage meanwhile plan their own "march for marriage" from the National Mall to the imposing Supreme Court building -- with women invited to dress in red, children in white and men in blue.

Overnight vigils for marriage equality were meanwhile being to take place throughout the United States, and the Los Angeles Times reported that a lesbian cousin of Chief Justice John Roberts would be in court today.

Roberts, nominated to the court by former president George W. Bush, played a key role in the Supreme Court's decision to uphold Obama's controversial health care reform package.



**Ciudad del Este:** AFP photo shows Paraguay's ex-president Fernando Lugo (2-L) arriving yesterday at the court of Ciudad del Este, 325 km east of Asuncion to undergo court-ordered DNA testing, after a judge on February ruled in favour of a woman who says he fathered her 12-year old son. The child's mother, Benigna Leguizamón, claims Lugo fathered the boy during his time as bishop of San Pedro state, where she worked as his house cleaner. Lugo, a former Roman Catholic bishop, was ousted from Paraguay's presidency in June. He was impeached by the Senate just months before the end of his four-year term over his handling of a land dispute.



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## International News

# Italian court delays decision in Knox murder retrial

ROME (AFP) - Italy's highest court of appeals has delayed until today a ruling on whether US student Amanda Knox, acquitted in 2011 of murdering her British housemate in the university town of Perugia, will face another trial.

The court had been due to decide on Monday whether to uphold a 2012 prosecution appeal to reinstate the convictions against Knox and her former boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito, but postponed the ruling.

"This sort of thing is very rare at the Supreme Court. I find the delay hard to interpret," one of Sollecito's lawyers, Giulia Bongiorno, told journalists at the court.

Knox and Sollecito had initially been sentenced to 26 and 25 years in prison for killing and sexually assaulting Meredith Kercher in 2007, but were acquitted on appeal after four years in prison.

Prosecutor general Luigi Riello told the supreme court on Monday that the acquittal was "a rare mix of violation of the law and illogicalness and should be overturned".

"I believe all the premises are there to make sure the final curtain does not drop on this shocking and dire crime," he said, adding that the judge who acquitted Knox and Sollecito "lost his way".

The prosecution insists the acquittal, which was based

mainly on the admissibility of DNA evidence in the case, contained "omissions and many mistakes".

One of the lawyers for Sollecito, Luca Mauri, however, urged the court to uphold the appeal court's verdict, describing it as "clear, precise and with not one point of contradiction."

The lawyers for Knox, Sollecito and Kercher attended the hearing, along with Sollecito's father.

Knox "is anxious and waiting for the decision. She would love to come back to Italy, as an innocent and free person," Luciano Ghirga, one of the American's lawyers, told reporters outside the court.

Should the prosecution's request be upheld, Knox and Sollecito could face a re-trial in Florence, though Knox would likely be tried in absentia.

The Seattle student returned to her home town immediately after her acquittal and the United States does not normally extradite its citizens to face legal action.

Kercher, 21, was found half-naked with her throat slashed in a pool of blood in her bedroom in the house that she shared with Knox in November 2007.

Her body was covered with knife wounds and bruises and investigators found traces of a sexual assault.

A third person, a local Ivory Coast-born drifter named Rudy Guede, who like the other two has always denied the murder, is the only person still in prison for the crime.

The appeals judge found Knox and Sollecito not guilty in 2011, but said the killing still remained "unsolved" because investigators insist it must have been carried out by more than one person.

Kercher's family insists that 47 knife wounds on Meredith and the apparent use of two different knives in the attack meant that more than one killer was involved.

Prosecutors had alleged that Kercher was killed in a drug-fuelled sex attack involving Knox, Sollecito and Guede and had claimed that it was the American student who delivered the final blows while the other two held the victim down.

Knox was painted by her accusers as a seductive "she-devil" who had an unhealthy obsession with sex, while her defence insisted she was simply a naive girl-next-door whose nickname "Foxy Knoxy" referred to her childhood football skills.

In her first interrogation following the murder, Knox said she was in the house at the time and falsely identified the owner of a bar where she worked as the killer.

## US commends France for death of Al-Qaeda leader

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Monday said France had dealt a significant blow to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb after French troops killed one of the group's key leaders in northern Mali.

French President Francois Hollande on Saturday confirmed that Abdelhamid Abou Zeid had been killed in fighting led by the French army in the Ifoghas mountains in northern Mali in late February.

His death marks "an important step in the fight against terrorism in northern Mali and the Sahel," State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell told reporters, adding the US wanted "to commend our French partners in taking this terrorist off the battlefield."

US Secretary of State John Kerry meanwhile announced \$51 million more in US aid to the Sahel region -- a vast swath

of desert which also traverses Mali.

"The Sahel is one of the poorest regions of the world, and is experiencing a complex crisis of drought, flooding, failed harvests, and disrupted livelihoods, all of which are exacerbated by the conflict in Mali," Kerry said in a statement.

"Our support is addressing food insecurity across the entire Sahel region and the protection and assistance needs of refugees and internally displaced persons."

In 2012, an estimated 18.7 million people were facing hunger and starvation, including one million children at risk of severe acute malnutrition, he said.

Since the start of the unrest in Mali 2012, some 450,000 Malians have been displaced internally or across borders as

refugees.

The new US donation brings the total humanitarian assistance from the United States to \$521 million since the start of the 2012 fiscal year.

**GUATEMALA CITY (AFP)** - Maria Raymundo, survivor of Guatemala's civil war, attends the trial against former Guatemalan dictator (1982-1983), retired General Jose Efrain Rios Montt (out of frame), in Guatemala City on March 25, 2013. Rios Montt, who stands trial despite defense attempts to postpone the start of the historic proceedings, is accused of ordering the execution of 1,771 members of the indigenous Ixil Maya people in the Quiche region

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## Epilepsy

-- Epilepsy is a disorder that results from the surges in electrical signals inside the brain, causing recurring seizures. Seizure symptoms vary. Some people with epilepsy simply stare blankly for a few seconds during a seizure, while others have full-fledged convulsions.

However, a solitary seizure doesn't mean you have epilepsy.

Even mild seizures may require treatment because they can be dangerous during activities such as driving or swimming. Treatment — which generally includes medications and sometimes surgery — usually eliminates or reduces the frequency and intensity of seizures. Many children with epilepsy even outgrow the condition with age.

Because epilepsy is caused by abnormal activity in brain cells, seizures can affect any process your brain coordinates. **A seizure can produce:**

- Temporary confusion
- A staring spell
- Uncontrollable jerking movements of the arms and legs

-Loss of consciousness or awareness

Symptoms vary depending on the type of seizure. In most cases, a person with epilepsy will tend to have the same type of seizure each time, so the symptoms will be similar from episode to episode.

Doctors generally classify seizures as either focal or generalized, based on how the ab-

normal brain activity begins.

### Focal seizures

When seizures appear to result from abnormal activity in just one part of the brain, they're called focal or partial seizures.

*These seizures fall into two categories.*

### Simple focal seizures.

These seizures don't result in loss of consciousness. They may alter emotions or change the way things look, smell, feel, taste or sound. They may also result in involuntary jerking of part of the body, such as an arm or leg, and spontaneous sensory symptoms such as tingling, vertigo and flashing lights.

### Complex focal seizures.

These seizures alter consciousness or awareness, causing you to lose awareness for a period of time. Complex focal seizures often result in staring and nonpurposeful movements — such as hand rubbing, chewing, swallowing or walking in circles.

### Generalized seizures

Seizures that seem to involve all of the brain are called generalized seizures. Six types of generalized seizures exist.

### Absence seizures

(also called petit mal). These seizures are characterized by staring and subtle body movement, and can cause a brief loss of awareness.

### Tonic seizures.

These seizures cause stiffening of the muscles, generally those in your back, arms and legs and

may cause you to fall to the ground.

**Clonic seizures.** These types of seizures are associated with rhythmic, jerking muscle contractions, usually affecting the arms, neck and face.

**Myoclonic seizures.** These seizures usually appear as sudden brief jerks or twitches of your arms and legs.

**Atonic seizures.** Also known as drop attacks, these seizures cause you to lose normal muscle tone and suddenly collapse or fall down.

**Tonic-clonic seizures** (also called grand mal). The most intense of all types of seizures, these are characterized by a loss of consciousness, body stiffening and shaking, and sometimes loss of bladder control or biting your tongue.

**Seek immediate medical help if any of the following occurs:**

-The seizure lasts more than five minutes.

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-You have a high fever.

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-You're pregnant.

-You have diabetes.

-You've injured yourself during the seizure.

**If you experience a seizure for the first time, seek medical advice.**

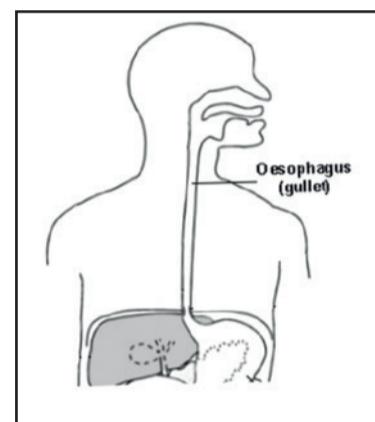
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## Health & Living

### Scientists unravel genetic code of oesophageal cancer



Incidence of the cancer has increased by 600 percent over the last 30 years -- particularly in Western countries, according to the study.

Now, the biggest genetic analysis yet of this type of cancer has revealed common mutations that may be specifically targeted by new drugs.

Cancer develops when a human cell's DNA is mutated so that its normal function is disrupted and it starts growing and spreading out of control.

There are different causes, including obesity, smoking, exposure to the sun's UV rays or environmental pollution.

Mutations of different genes have been implicated in different cancers, but there are also vast differences even among people with the same form of the disease.

Genes are segments of DNA that carry the instruction manuals for cells.

The team found a frequent repetition of one particular type of mutation, suggesting it may be caused by some sort of exposure -- perhaps linked to acid reflux disease.

"We suspect that there may be some factor in the reflux which is causing this specific type of DNA damage said Bass



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## Sci-Tech

## Saudi threatens to ban WhatsApp, Viber and Skype: sources

RIYADH (AFP) - Internet messenger applications such as Skype, Viber and WhatsApp face being banned in Saudi Arabia if operators fail to allow authorities in the kingdom to censor them, industry sources said on Monday.

Local telecommunication providers have been told to ask the operators of the services to furnish means of control, an official at the kingdom's Communications and Information Technology Commission said, requesting anonymity.

Another source at telecom operator Saudi Telecommunications Co. (STC) said the commission gave service providers one week ending on Saturday to respond, warning

it would "take measures to ban them" if they failed to comply.

An industry source said telecom operators were behind the move, accusing the STC, along with Mobily and Zain, of asking the commission to impose censorship due to the "damage" caused by the free-of-charge applications.

In neighbouring UAE, most Skype applications and Viber are blocked but WhatsApp messenger remains accessible.

The two countries in 2010 threatened to ban BlackBerry instant messaging and demanded installing local servers to censor the service. The services remain uninterrupted but it was not clear how far the RIM Canadian maker did comply.

## EU 'looking at' Apple practices following queries

BRUSSELS (AFP) - European Union competition watchdogs said they were "looking into" potential anti-trust issues at iPad and iPhone giant Apple, following queries raised by telecommunications operators.

"The European Commission has been made aware of Apple distribution practices for iPads and iPhones," a spokesman for EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia told a regular news briefing.

He said there had been "no formal complaints" lodged with the authority, but added that inspectors were "looking into" the issues raised.

"Samsung's growing market position and the success of

Google (operating system Android) gives good reason to believe there is healthy competition" in this market, Antoine Colombani told journalists.

The queries were raised by mobile telephone operators based on commercial terms negotiated by Apple.

EU authorities earlier this month fined Microsoft 561 million euros (\$730 million) for failing to provide customers with a choice of Internet browser.

Brussels is also reviewing proposals from Google aimed at ending a probe into its dominance of online search advertising platforms as part of a determined drive into the information and communications technology (ICT) sector.



JAKARTA (AFP) - Six people were killed and 11 were missing on Monday after they were buried in a landslide caused by heavy rain on Indonesia's Java island, a disaster official said. Heavy rains early Monday in West Bandung district triggered the disaster.

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KIEV (AFP) - The Ukrainian capital struggled to clear its streets on Monday after a record-breaking snowfall, as some took advantage of an official day off to ski down the streets while car drivers fumed in vast traffic jams. The snowfall set a record for Kiev since weather records began in 1881, the head of the national weather service, Mykola Kulbida, said Monday. Meteorologists said that 41 millimetres of precipitation fell overnight Friday to Saturday, a figure reflecting the amount of water in the snow. The authorities declared a state of emergency in the capital and made Monday a day off, after hundreds or even thousands of inhabitants spent Friday night in unprecedented traffic jams. Some residents took advantages of the weather to enjoy winter sports right in the city centre.

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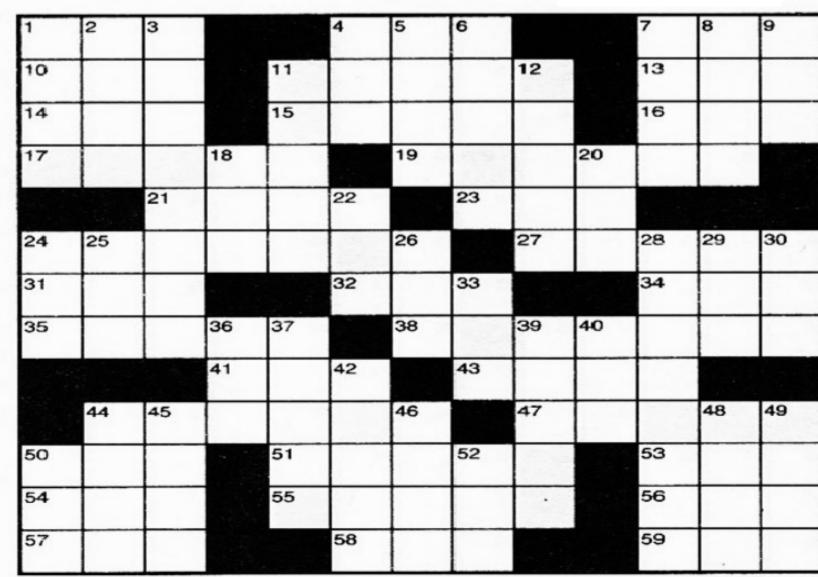
**ACROSS**

- British parent
- Sofa snooze
- Be mistaken
- GI's club
- Wanderer
- Actress Zadora
- Lair
- Juan Peron's wife
- Cold as —
- Play
- Separate
- "Arsenic and Old —"
- Went on a pension (abbr.)
- Radiated
- Stools, e.g.
- Petrol
- Actor Howard
- Pup's bite
- Comprehend
- More opulent
- Bobby of hockey
- Timber piece
- Pampered
- Legal title
- Elton John
- Smooth and glossy
- Burnt — crisp (2 wds.)
- Go downhill
- Less
- Man — mission (2)

**DOWN**

- Newsman Roger —
- Patron
- Nat "King" Cole hit (2 wds.)
- It precedes Dec.
- Greedy
- Actor Fonda
- Heroic poem
- Like Bill Gates
- Actress Charlotte —
- wds.)
- Actor Danson
- Ess follower
- Sleep stage (abbr.)
- roll
- Damage slightly
- Trio after "ABC"
- Artist for movie cartoons
- Equal score
- Apr.'s season
- Catch a criminal
- Wail
- Chandelier dangler

- Respond (to)
- Hotel prices
- Entangle
- Broke bread
- Sound from Miss Muffet, perhaps
- Giraffes' features
- Ripken of Cooperstown
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- Very dry
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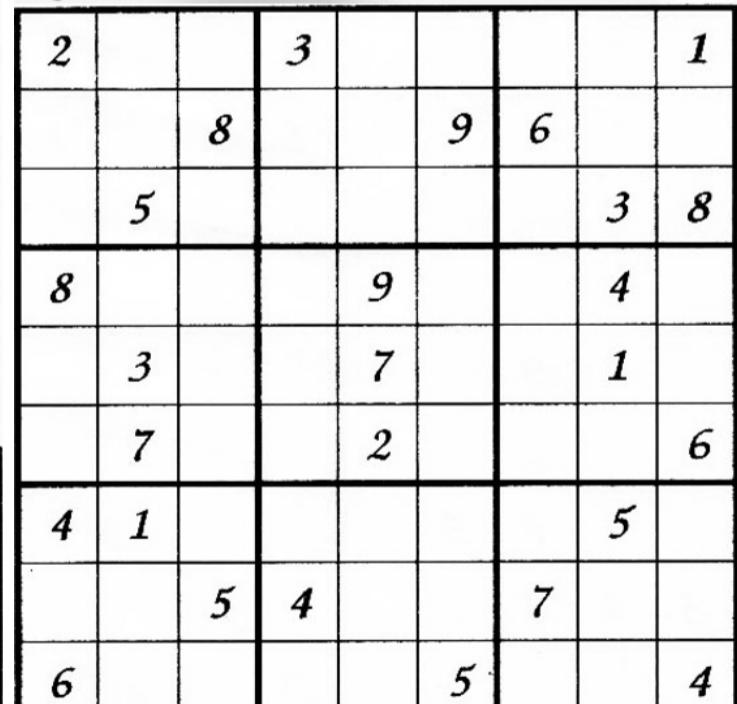
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

## Finance

# Cyprus leader defends bailout as markets take fright

NICOSIA (AFP) - President Nicos Anastasiades said Monday a bailout he secured from international creditors had saved Cyprus from collapse but world markets took fright it might become a model for other larger economies.

The agreement he struck averts a chaotic eurozone exit for the island and allows a partial reopening of bank branches from Tuesday after a 10-day shutdown imposed to avoid a run on accounts while the talks dragged on.

But it comes at the expense of job losses in the key financial sector and a massive drying up of credit that threatens a protracted recession.

After a brief rally, world stock markets and the euro nosedived as the severity of the model that had been set for future bailouts of other larger indebted eurozone economies became clear.

The agreement struck with the European Union and the International Monetary Fund deals a major hit to investors and depositors in the island's

biggest bank, the Bank of Cyprus, many of whom are Russian, and will also effectively shut down Laiki, its second-largest lender.

The European Central Bank announced that in light of the deal it would continue its emergency funding of the two banks which it had threatened to cut off from Monday.

Their merger is likely to lead to major job losses in a sector that had been one of the few growth areas in the island's economy and a drying up of credit to consumers and small businesses.

But wealthy eurozone governments like France and Germany had refused to bail out Cyprus unless it agreed to put an end to what they regarded as a "casino" financial sector dependent on hot money from countries like Russia.

Anastasiades said there had been "no easy solutions" in the marathon talks with international creditors that climaxed in the early hours and expressed confidence that Cyprus would "find its feet

again".

He promised the banking system would stabilise and that the merger of what was left of the two main lenders would ensure a "strong and capable bank is created to serve the needs of depositors and the national economy."

The deal spares all depositors with less than 100,000 euros (\$130,000) in the island's banks, a key condition missing from a previous agreement the Cypriot parliament rejected last week.

But Cyprus could now be in for a "deep recession caused by the shrinkage of the banking sector and severe de-leveraging," or paying down of debt, UBS economist Reinhard Cluse said.

Economists have forecast the Cyprus economy could now contract by at least 10 percent this year and by 8.0 percent in 2014.

Banks on the island will reopen on Tuesday except for the two big lenders, which will keep their doors closed until Thursday.



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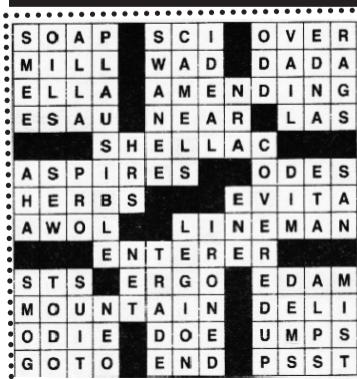
# US stocks tumble as market digests Cyprus deal

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks tumbled Monday after a top European finance official suggested that the Cyprus bailout framework could serve as a template for other European bank crises.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 64.28 (0.44 percent) to 14,447.75.

The broad-based S&P 500, which had been within striking distance of an all-time high, dropped 5.20 (0.33 percent) to 1,551.69. The tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index finished 9.70 (0.30 percent) lower at 3,235.30.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Stocks opened the day higher after the Cyprus bailout plan was sealed overnight Sunday in an 11th hour deal.

But by midday, markets tumbled after Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who heads the eurozone finance ministers group, told the Financial Times that the costs of bank recapitalizations shouldn't fall on the public sector, but on bondholders, shareholders and, if necessary, uninsured deposit holders.

Markets across Europe and in the US fell after the remarks, which were taken to suggest a new template for banking crises in other European countries.

Dijsselbloem subsequently released a statement via Twitter that characterized Cyprus as a "specific" case.

Trade was heavy in Dell as a bidding war emerged for the computer manufacturer, sending its shares up 2.6 percent to \$14.51.

Wall Street activist Carl Icahn and private equity firm Blackstone Group submitted rival offers to founder and chief executive Michael Dell's

\$24.4 billion bid to take the company private, valuing it at \$13.65 per share.

Discount retailer Dollar General Corp. gained 2 percent after besting earnings estimates and forecasting a strong year in 2013. The company projected same-store growth of four to six percent in 2013.

Apollo Group, which provides online educational programs, jumped 7.1 percent after reporting earnings that beat expectations and sticking to its 2013 forecast.

Blackberry shares fell 4.6 percent in the wake of the launch of its Z10 smartphone in the US market on Friday.

Oracle dropped 2.3 percent after it announced it was purchasing Tekelec, a provider of network signaling and data management technology for an undisclosed sum.

Bond prices were unchanged from Friday. The yield on the 10-year Treasury remained at 1.92 percent, while the 30-year stood at 3.14 percent. Bond prices move inversely to yields.

# US clears Nasdaq payout in Facebook IPO debacle

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - The Nasdaq on Monday had the backing of US regulators who approved the stock exchange's latest plan to compensate investors for the botched debut of Facebook shares last year.

Despite concerns expressed by some investors, the US Securities and Exchange Commission endorsed Nasdaq's proposal to amend its rules to create a \$62 million pool of cash to pay out claims related to the Facebook IPO, documents available online showed.

The SEC noted in its order that investors unhappy with the Nasdaq compensation plan could opt not to file claims with the regulator and seek other remedies, such as taking their cases to civil court.

The Nasdaq in July of last year raised to \$62 million the amount of money it will set aside to cover trading losses due to computer glitches that disrupted the launch of Face-

book shares onto the market.

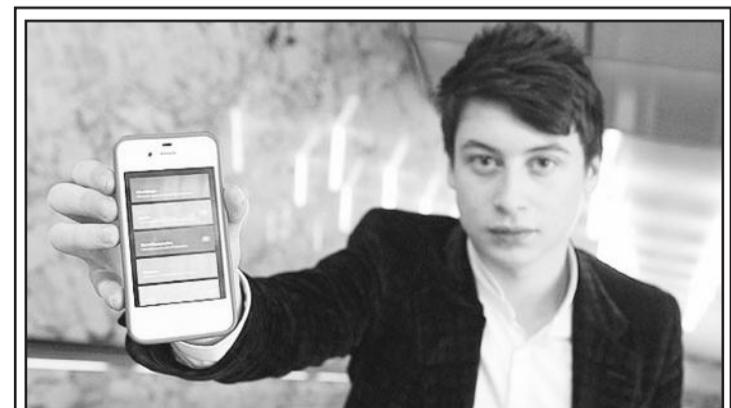
The huge electronic market's foul-up marred the \$16 billion Facebook share issue on May 18 of 2012, the most hotly awaited initial public offering on the US markets in years.

Nasdaq has previously proposed setting aside \$40 million to cover brokers' losses caused by the botched IPO but the compensation plan immediately ran into criticism as being inadequate.

Nasdaq said it expected all claims covered by the plan to be paid out within six months.

The stock hit a high of \$45 on the first day, but since then has lost ground. Facebook shares were trading at \$25.14 at the Nasdaq close on Monday.

Facebook's IPO overwhelmed Nasdaq's systems when it hit the market, forcing a half-hour delay in opening trading and leaving investors and brokers in the dark for hours over the results of orders involving millions of shares.



**Nick D'Aloisio, 17, developed the app, called Summly, while revising for his mock GCSEs in 2011. The app, which summarises news stories, will now close and its features will be used in mobile products at Yahoo!. Nick will also start a full-time job at the web giant while he studies for his A-levels. The London schoolboy has become one of the world's youngest tech millionaires after selling his mobile app to Yahoo!.**

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## Oscars date later next year, to avoid Olympic clash

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Academy Awards will be held on Sunday, March 2 next year, later than usual to avoid clashing with the Winter Olympics, organizers and insiders said Monday.

The Oscars are usually held on the last or next to last Sunday in February, but that would compete for TV audiences with the Feb 6-23 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

The later date for the Oscars -- the climax to Hollywood's annual awards season -- will also allow for a more relaxed nomination and voting period, after some complaints this year, according to industry journal Variety.

Voting for nominees will

run from December 27-January 8, with nominations announced on January 16. Final voting will start on February 14 and end on February 25, said the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Organizers were criticized this year over the limited time Academy voters had to consider late-season releases. There were also some teething troubles with online voting, introduced for the first time.

The March date for the Oscars means that the Golden Globes, Tinseltown's next most high-profile awards show, will be held on January 12, while the Grammys are tipped to be held on January 26, according to Variety.

### Nazi submarine found off Norway

OSLO (AFP) - The wreck of a German World War II submarine that was sunk with 48 people on board has been found off Norway's coast during work on an oil pipe, a maritime museum official said Monday.

The "U-486" was torpedoed and broken in two by a British submarine in April 1945 shortly after leaving the western Norwegian town of Bergen, according to Arild Maroey Hansen of the Bergen maritime museum.

Lying at a depth of some 250 metres (820 feet), the wreck was found when Norwegian oil company Statoil was scouting the area as a possible location to lay down an oil pipe.



CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AFP) - Pope Francis flew in to a papal residence near Rome on Saturday for a meeting with "pope emeritus" Benedict XVI -- an unprecedented encounter in the history of the Catholic Church. Francis took a helicopter to the lakeside Castel Gandolfo summer residence where Benedict has been living since stepping down last month. Benedict came to greet him and Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi pointed out that in the car Francis sat on the right -- "the classic place for the pope" -- while Benedict sat on the left. In the palace chapel, Lombardi said Benedict had offered Francis the place reserved for popes but that the pontiff had turned it down saying "We are brothers." They ended up kneeling side by side.

## 'Croods' bashes rivals at N America box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Stone-age cartoon "The Croods," DreamWorks Animation's latest family crowd pleaser, opened at the top of North America's box office this weekend, industry data showed Monday.

The feelgood film, about a pre-historic family battling with fire and other new inventions, took \$43.6 million on its debut, the Exhibitor Relations tracking agency said.

That was easily enough to beat action thriller "Olympus

Has Fallen" into second place, with \$30.4 million in takings for a tale of terrorism and a kidnapped president, starring Morgan Freeman.

In third was 3D fantasy adventure flick "Oz the Great and Powerful," which slipped from the top spot on its third week in theaters, making \$21.6 million at the weekend box office.

"The Call," a thriller starring Halle Berry as a 911 operator trying to rescue a young girl who has been abducted,

earned \$8.9 million in its second week, for fourth spot.

In fifth was another new entry, romantic comedy "Admission" starring Tina Fey, with \$6.2 million in takings, followed by timely US vacation movie "Spring Breakers" on \$4.9 million.

"The Incredible Burt Wonderstone," a comedy starring Steve Carell as a washed up magician who joins forces with street performer Jim Carrey, earned \$4.3 million on its third week on release, for seventh place.

In eighth was "Jack the Giant Slayer," starring Nicholas Hoult as a young farmhand battling giants to save a princess, with \$2.9 million, followed by "Identity Thief" on \$2.6 million.

Rounding out the top 10 was action film "Snitch," starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, on \$1.9 million at the weekend box office.



TOKYO (AFP) : An employee of French food company Fauchon displays a plate of eclairs decorated to symbolise colours of the kabuki (L and R) and cherry blossoms (C) at their temporary shop in an atrium of the the recently rebuilt kabuki art theatre in Tokyo on March 25, 2013. The theatre in the upscale Ginza shopping district, which will open to the public at the start of April 2013, will let audiences use portable monitors to read subtitles to explain the sometimes difficult to understand art form.

## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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## Sport

### Tennis: Li sets up Williams last eight clash



MIAMI (AFP) - China's Li Na reached the quarter-finals of the Miami Masters here on Monday with an error strewn 7-6 (8/6), 6-2 win over giantkilling Spanish teenager Garbine Muguruza.

The 31-year-old Li - who is playing in her first tournament since suffering an ankle injury in January's Australian Open final - will face world number one Serena Williams in the last eight.

Williams too struggled having to come from a set down to win 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 against Slovakia's 13th seed Dominika Cibulkova.

Li - the 2011 French Open champion and two-time Australian Open finalist - made 39 unforced errors, including four double faults, and allowed her 19-year-old opponent to battle back to 5-5 in the first set having led 5-1.

Even at 6-1 in the tiebreaker Li faltered as 73rd-ranked Muguruza, who had claimed the scalps of the seeded Caroline Wozniacki and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in previous rounds, fought back to 6-6.

However, fifth-seeded Li pulled herself together to take the next two points and the set.

Li was more clinical in the second set breaking Muguruza, who was born in Venezuela but has a Spanish father who now

lives in Barcelona, in the second game and then again when closing out the tie as her opponent served a double fault on match point.

Williams, who is bidding for a record sixth Miami title, admitted she had not been at her best and at 4-1 down to Cibulkova in the second set and staring defeat in the face she had had to pull herself together.

The men's draw saw second seed Andy Murray come through in straight sets, 7-6 (7/3), 6-3, against highly-thought of Bulgarian 29th seed Grigor Dimitrov.

Murray would have faced a tougher task had not the 21-year-old lost his composure when serving for the first set at 5-3. He double faulted three times to allow Murray to break back and the doughty Scot duly got the better in the tie-break.

It is the second time in as many tournaments that Dimitrov has cracked when serving for a set against a top-ranked player, serving up four double faults when he led world number one Novak Djokovic 5-3 in the third round at Indian Wells.

Murray, who committed 22 unforced errors to Dimitrov's 38, will face Italian Andrea Seppi in the quarter-finals, the 16th seed having beaten experienced Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

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### Football: Fred's late leveller spares Brazilian blushes

LONDON (AFP) - Fred spared Brazil's blushes with a last-gasp equaliser to rescue a 1-1 draw against Russia in Monday's friendly at Stamford Bridge.

Luiz Felipe Scolari is still waiting for the first win of his second spell as Brazil manager following this lacklustre display on a freezing evening in west London, but it would have been even more embarrassing for the former Chelsea boss without Fred's late intervention.

Russia took a deserved lead when Zenit St Petersburg winger Victor Fayzulin scored his third goal for Fabio Capello's side in the 73rd minute.

But Fluminense forward Fred snatched a dramatic equaliser when he tapped home Marcelo's cross from close range in the last minute.

For Scolari the fixture marked a return to Chelsea, where he spent seven months before being sacked by Roman Abramovich in 2009, but he failed to take the opportunity to prove a point to the Blues' Russian owner.

The Selecao, continuing on their global tour in the build up to staging the 2014 World Cup, clearly have plenty of room for improvement.

Capello, who has been linked with a possible move to Chelsea in the close-season, was back in the city he called home for four years during his England reign.

This impressive result suggested he may yet get a call from Abramovich to return to English football.

Russia's Sergey Ignashevich called Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar into action after just two minutes when he unleashed a powerful 30-yard drive.

The CSKA Moscow centre-back's low shot skidded across



the turf, but QPR's Cesar was equal to his effort. That wasn't Brazil's only early scare.

Ten minutes later Cesar's goal was again threatened as the ball was pumped into the box and Roman Shirokov and Aleksandr Kerzhakov both saw shots blocked.

Cesar then had Real Madrid midfielder Kaka to thank for some last-ditch defending as the playmaker got another block on a shot from Kershakov and Shirokov's follow up.

Brazil, five-time world champions, saw their goal continually peppered as defensive midfielder Shirokov then tried his luck from range in the 15th minute.

It took nearly 30 minutes for Scolari's side to click into action and even then Neymar shot high and wide of Russia keeper Vladimir Gabulov's goal after surging into the box.

Five minutes before the break, Fayzulin cut in off the left touchline, beat Barcelona's Daniel Alves before lashing into the side netting as Russia regrouped.

Neymar again wasted another chance, and for all their

trickery and intricate passing, Brazil just couldn't find a way past Russia's resolute defence in the opening 45 minutes.

Brazil's Chelsea defender David Luiz looked eager for a goal on his home club ground, only for Russia's wall to deny him when he stepped up to strike a 25-yard free-kick on the hour mark after Shirkov fouled Oscar.

And that was to be the Blues star's last contribution as he was replaced by Hulk as Scolari went for the win.

Brazil had dominated for the majority of the second half without causing any damage.

Russia always looked efficient in possession and it was third time lucky as Capello's men finally broke the deadlock 18 minutes from time.

Brazil failed to clear as Russia bided their time before Fayzulin picked his spot and stroked the ball home from 15 yards.

Two minutes later Marcelo missed the target as he ran onto Hulk's pullback before Fred finally restored a measure of Brazilian pride with his 90th minute strike.

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## NBA: Heat rout 'Cats to run win streak to 26



MIAMI (AFP) - The Miami Heat won their 26th straight game by crushing the lowly Charlotte Bobcats 109-77 despite playing without their all-star guard Dwyane Wade Sunday at American Airlines Arena.

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LeBron James shot 11-of-14 from the field en route to a game-high 32 points as the Heat continued their march towards making National Basketball Association history. The reigning league MVP also had 10 assists and eight rebounds.

Chris Bosh chipped in 15 points and Ray Allen had 14 for Miami, who were without Wade because of a sore right knee.

The victory puts the Heat within seven wins of matching the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers' all-time record for consecutive victories. The Heat play at Orlando on Monday.

Kemba Walker scored a team-high 20 points and Gerald Henderson finished with 18 for the Bobcats, who have dropped 14 of their last 17 games.

James said this streak is already more impressive than the '71-'72 Lakers.

The Heat are the hottest sports ticket in town as they inch closer to NBA history. Tennis superstar Novak Djokovic took time out from the ATP Tour's Miami Masters tournament to sit courtside at Sunday's game. Djokovic knows a thing or two about streaks as he had a 22-match win streak halted earlier this month at the Indian Wells tournament.

Miami opened the fourth quarter on a 12-2 run and cruised to the final buzzer.

## Golf: Tigers Woods recaptures world No. 1 spot



ORLANDO (AFP) - Tiger Woods reclaimed the world number one spot on Monday for the first time since he was brought low by scandal, winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

With his eighth Bay Hill course triumph, 37-year-old Woods replaced Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy atop the rankings and set the seal on an extraordinary comeback after a spectacular fall from personal and professional grace.

"I play well here," said Woods, who earned \$1.08 million in prize money after a closing round of two-under 70. It took an extra day, but Woods out-dueled fellow American Rickie Fowler down the stretch, winning the \$6.2 million event by two strokes.

Woods has won 14 majors in his career and had previously spent a record 623 weeks on top of the world.

But he has not led the rankings for nearly three years, after injuries and an infamous scandal saw him stumble. Woods fell to his lowest rank on November 11, 2011 when he dropped to 58th in the world.

His woes began in 2009 when a US tabloid aired claims he had had an affair with a nightclub manageress.

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"The first step in the process was getting healthy. Once I got there, then my game turned," Woods said. "I've won six times on the tour the last couple years. That's not bad."

Woods also claimed his 77th PGA Tour victory - his 99th professional victory - in his final tune-up event for next month's Masters.

The Monday finish followed a severe thunder storm on Sunday that postponed the fourth round. The storm swept across the Bay Hill Club & Lodge course with gusting winds toppling trees and television towers.

Woods and playing partner Fowler began on the third hole Monday and Woods quickly set the tone with birdies on a pair of par-fives.

He finished on 18 with a bogey but it was enough to reach 13-under 275, giving him the win and propelling him the Number One spot for the first time since October 2010.

Runner-up Justin Rose fired a two-under 70 to finish at 11-under while Fowler stumbled down the stretch, closing with a one-over 73 as he plummeted to a four-way tie for third at eight-under 280.

Fowler finished alongside Mark Wilson (71), Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano (72) and Keegan Bradley (71).

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The women's and men's games will take place after the youth finals in the late afternoon hours until late Saturday evening. On Sunday and Monday the games begin at noon, with finals being held at approximately 5:30pm on Monday. Come enjoy the magnificent sunset accompanied by a nerve wrecking final event.



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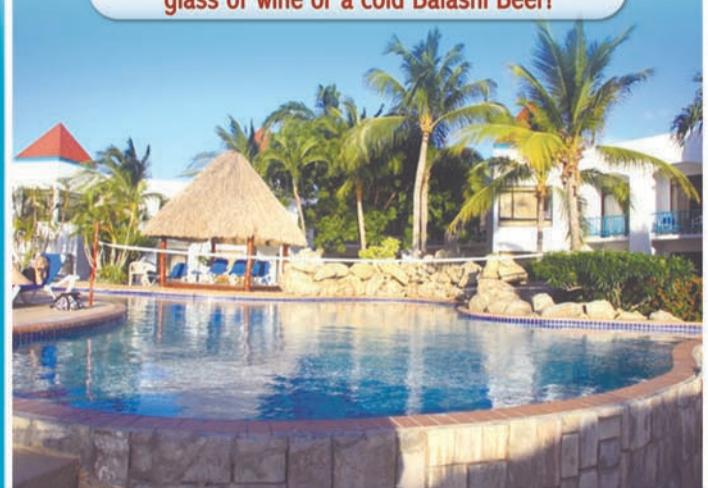
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